

**LOCAL EMERGENCY PROCLAMATION
DECLARING A LOCAL STATE OF EMERGENCY IN LEON COUNTY, FLORIDA
PROCLAMATION NO. 2023-02
(AMENDING PROCLAMATION NO. 2023-01)
HURRICANE IDALIA**

WHEREAS, on August 27, 2023, Leon County, Florida, issued Proclamation No. 2023-01, declaring that a Local State of Emergency exists in Leon County requiring immediate and expeditious action to safeguard lives and property; and

WHEREAS, on August 28, 2023, the Governor issued Executive Order Number 23-172, finding that Tropical Storm Idalia is forecasted to become a major hurricane before making landfall along areas of the Florida Gulf Coast and portions of the Florida Panhandle; and

WHEREAS, at the Governor's request, on August 28, 2023, FEMA-3596-EM was issued to authorize the Department of Homeland Security and Federal Emergency Management Agency to provide appropriate assistance for required emergency measures to in several Florida counties, including Leon County; and

WHEREAS, as of 5:00 a.m. on August 29, 2023, Tropical Storm Idalia became Hurricane Idalia; and

WHEREAS, with a westerly shift in the projected track of Hurricane Idalia and expectation that the hurricane will rapidly intensify before landfall, there is an increased and serious risk of dangerous storm surge, heavy rainfall, flash flooding, strong winds, hazardous seas, and the potential for isolated tornadic activity for the Florida Big Bend and portions of Florida's Gulf Coast; and

WHEREAS, there currently exists in Leon County an increased threat of a natural emergency from Hurricane Idalia; and

WHEREAS, prompt and efficient actions are required to safeguard lives and property affected by Hurricane Idalia; and

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners of Leon County, Florida, has adopted the Emergency Management Ordinance, codified in Chapter 2, Article VIII of the Code of Laws of Leon County, Florida (the "Ordinance"), providing authorization for the Board or its designee to declare a Local State of Emergency in the event of a natural disaster or emergency, or the imminent threat thereof; and

NOW, THEREFORE, pursuant to the authority conferred by Chapter 252, Florida Statutes, and the Ordinance, as Chair of the Leon County Board of County Commissioners, and pursuant to Section 2-307 of the Code of Laws of Leon County, after consultation with state and local authorities that projected weather conditions within Leon County and neighboring coastal counties require immediate and expeditious action as a result of Hurricane Idalia, I order as follows:

1. Mandatory Evacuation. Residents of mobile and manufactured homes within Leon County are required to evacuate from such housing by 11:59 p.m. on Tuesday, August 29, 2023.

2. Shelter Locations. Leon County Schools, in coordination with County Emergency Management, will open the following emergency shelters in Leon County at 5:00 p.m. today:

- Fort Braden Elementary, 15100 Blountstown Highway (pet accessible);
- Rickards High School, 3013 Jim Lee Road (pet accessible);
- Chiles High School, 7200 Lawton Chiles Lane (pet accessible); and
- Lincoln High School, 3838 Trojan Trail (pet accessible).

For residents evacuating homes:

- Lock all doors and windows and put on shutters if necessary.
- Turn off all appliances, faucets, and LP gas tanks.
- Bring a 3-5 day supply of personal hygiene, water, and food items with you in case debris or power outages at your home prevent your return.

Residents seeking evacuation shelters and other emergency information during this local State of Emergency can find more information online at www.LeonCountyFl.gov/ei or by calling (850) 606-3700.

3. Effective Date and Time. This Local State of Emergency shall take effect at 11:00 a.m. on August 29, 2023, and will continue until 7:59 p.m. on September 3, 2023, unless rescinded, in accordance with section 2-330(b), Leon County Code.

4. Filing with Clerk. This Local Emergency Proclamation shall be filed with the Office of the Clerk within three days after issuance.

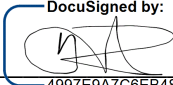
5. Local Emergency Proclamation on Dedicated Webpage. This Local Emergency Proclamation shall be made available on a dedicated webpage accessible through a conspicuous link on the County's homepage.

6. Link to Division of Emergency Management. A link to this Local Emergency Proclamation on the County's dedicated webpage shall be provided to the Division of Emergency Management within the Executive Office of the Governor.


THIS LOCAL EMERGENCY PROCLAMATION authorizes the activation of the Leon County Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan and the exercise of all powers provided by Chapter 252, F.S., and Chapter 2, Article VIII, Leon County Code.

Dated this 29th day of August, 2023.

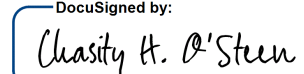
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Board of County Commissioners

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